



Non-standard Applications

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J-1 Sponsorship

Non-standard Clinical Training

- Definition:

Advanced clinical subspecialty disciplines for which neither ACGME Accreditation nor ABMS Certification is available.

Independent subspecialty fellowship programs that have a predefined training curriculum and duration and are operating in direct association with an ACGME-accredited parent program.

Examples of Non-standard Fellowship Training

- Bone Marrow Transplantation
- Endoscopy (ERCP)
- HIV/AIDS
- Leukemia
- Obstetric Anesthesia
- Glaucoma
- Surgical Oncology
- Transplant Surgery
- Minimally Invasive Surgery

Non-standard Training Assumptions

- *Not* a “stepping stone” to repeat residency in United States
- *Not* research-based (no principal investigator appointment)
- *Not* service-based

Effective Prescreening

Who should ask what, when, why?

Best Practices

- Standardize institutional / program policies
- Ensure accuracy in gathering / evaluating facts
- Develop effective communication
- Prerequisite training (residency training in the United States or abroad)

Essential Requirements Non-standard Application

Prerequisites to submitting Application for Sponsorship:

1. ABMS Member Board recognition (*the ABMS Member Boards serve as the subject-matter experts for specialty and subspecialty training*)
2. GMEC endorsement and program verification
3. Approved and detailed program description
4. Well-defined Statement of Educational Goals and Objectives from the applicant
5. All other requirements (ECFMG Certification, etc.) available at <http://www.ecfmq.org/evsp/nonstand.html>

Common Issues

- Program descriptions
- Statement of Educational Goals and Objectives
- Inconsistencies within the application materials

Detailed Program Description

- Documents that the proposed non-standard training is an established program; not tailored to a specific individual
- Program offered to any individual meeting the selection criteria outlined in the program curriculum

Program Description Requirements

- Program demographics (contact information)
- Program history
- Program duration
- Prerequisite training / selection criteria
- Goals and objectives
- Certifications
- Resources
- Curriculum
- Evaluation process

Statement of Educational Goals and Objectives (SEO)

- Defines the applicant's short-term training objectives as they relate to the proposed training program
- Is consistent with the training objectives and duration reflected in the GMEC-approved program description
- Defines the applicant's long-term objectives as they relate to any future training in the United States beyond proposed program

Questions?

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